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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Customer No.

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Docket No.

DRAGO P-86RE / 500354.20005

Applicant(s):

Marcello TONCELLI

Serial No.:

09/369,570

Group:

1733

Filed:

August 6, 1999

Examiner:

J. Aftergut

For:

A PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF REINFORCED SLABS OF

STONE MATERIAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the Final Office Action of May 25,

2000 of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 8 - 13 and 21 - 38. Please note a Three month Extension of Time was previously filed on November 22, 2000.

The items checked below are appropriate:

- [] 1. A timely response to the final rejection is attached.
- [] 2. A Petition for an extension of time to file this Notice, and the fee therefor, for \_\_\_\_\_ Month(s) is attached.
- [] 3. Small entity status has been established by a entity declaration submitted on \_\_\_\_\_\_.

[X] 4. Fee [X] \$ 310.00 [] \$ 155.00 is attached.

[] 5. Fee [] \$ 310.00 [] \$ 155.00 charge <u>Deposit Account 50-1529</u>.

[X] 6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to <u>Deposit Account No. 50-1529</u>.

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Respectfully submitted REED SMITH LLP

Date: November 27, 2000

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